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SUBJECT: Trudeau's Minority Government Survives First Non-Confidence Motion

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By a margin of 125 to 83, the Liberal minority government of Prime Minister Trudeau defeated, March 1, a Social Credit Party amendment to a Conservative Party non-confidence motion. The Conservative motion--chastizing the government for inflation--is not scheduled to be voted on until Tuesday, but the March 1 vote demonstrated that Trudeau's Liberals still have the support of the New Democratic Party, which voted with the government in defeating the first non-confidence motion of the new session of Parliament, which opened February 27.

As long as the New Democrats support him, Trudeau will not be forced out to face elections in a time when energy, ~~unemployment~~ and inflation are issues that work against the ruling party.

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